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Basis of the report		
Priority		
Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability		
Lack of unity of invention		
Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
Certain documents cited		
Certain defects in the international application		
Certain observations on the international application		
4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).		